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MEMORANDUM FOR: Col. G. K. Sykes, NIS Committee Member
Department of the Air Force

SUBJECT: Field Comments on NIS 28B (Lebanon)
Section 37 (Civil Air)

1. In a dispatch dated 5 May 1961 a field station of CIA has made the following comments on the subject section dated June 1960:

a) PAA maintains a navigational beacon near Laqluq which is not listed in section G2, p. 37-14.

b) LN has not been permitted to fly into Baghdad since about 1959. However, they do have traffic rights into that field.

c) MASCO, we believe is set up, in a de jure sense, as stated in this NIS. However, in practice it appears that Najib Alamudin, and not the British, controls it.

d) PAS (page 10) is, to the best of our knowledge, controlled by SABENA who has leased or sold PAS one or more DC-7C's and operates a charter 707 flight once a week for PAS.

e) The information on TMA appears more recent than that of other Lebanese airlines in that four DC-4's are shown. They presently own five.

f) No mention is made of Trans Arabian Airlines which uses Beirut airport both for passenger and freight traffic, bases its planes in Beirut and appears to have them serviced by MASCO. TAA is a British-owned Kuwaiti flag carrier flying DC-6's and DC-4's.

2. These comments are informally passed to you for review and reference for Maintenance purposes. Inasmuch as it appears to us that no further action is required at this time, we are suggesting that the field station be notified that the comments have been passed to Air Force for Maintenance purposes, and of our appreciation for the station's interest in promptly examining the subject section on its area of interest.

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